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tears were streaming down their cheeks. I literally groaned in spirit, and was troubled. I tried to speak some words of comfort; but my voice faltered, and I wept freely.

"On reaching Constantinople, preparations were immediately made for presenting the young men before the Capudan pasha. Whether they were to be kept in the Sultan's service for life; whether they were to receive any adequate pay; whether they would ever be permitted to visit their friends, were questions which none present could answer. One of them was recently married; another was betrothed; one was the son of a priest; and one was 'the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.'"

Such is war the world over. Women of America! look at this picture, and see what war is preparing for yourselves. The parent you revere, the brother you love, the son of your pride and your hopes, the husband of your youth, and father of your little ones, it may yet tear from your fond and clinging embrace, to pine in the camp, and faint in the march, and bleed on the battle-field, and there leave his body to rot like carrion. Do you shudder at the Slave-trade? Here is a parallel to the cruelties of that accursed traffic. Do you pity the crushed and bleeding victims of Southern slavery? Here is the counterpart to its stripes and chains, to its tearing asunder of husbands and wives, of parents and children, to its tears and its blood. Look yet again at the picture, and say if the wives and mothers, the daughters and sisters of America have nothing to do with the cause of peace.

PACIFICUS.

A DEFINITION OF MURDER APPLIED.

THE shrewd editor of the N. Y. Observer, examining Wise's flimsy, cold-blooded vindication of himself before his constituents against the charge of murder for the part he took in the duel, asks, "*Why* is it not murder? What is murder? Killing 'with malice aforethought.' *Malice* in law is not that 'animosity' which these duellists disclaimed, but *an intention to kill*. The highwayman who kills the traveller for his purse, has no 'animosity' against his victim; he only wants his money; but he intends to kill him, and that intention is 'malice aforethought,' and therefore the killing is murder. Mr. Cilley, therefore, was murdered."

Very good logic; but, applied to war, it would prove every death to be a murder, and every warrior a murderer in the eye of reason and of God. If "an intention to kill" is the only "malice aforethought" necessary to constitute murder, what shall we say of the wholesale butcheries in war, offensive or defensive? Do not armies always *intend* to kill? Does not every soldier *seek* the life of his enemy? Is he not *required* to kill? Does not every nation, on going to war, design to kill? Does not every kind of war, whether offensive or defensive, consist mainly in killing men? Are not all

the *preparations* for war *designed* to kill? Is not the butchery of mankind by thousands the grand aim, well nigh the whole business of war? If this be *not* murder, tell us what is; and if it be, can you tell us the sum total of guilt incurred by Christian nations in continuing such a system of wholesale murder, in spending every year \$800,000,000 for the sole purpose of murder, in keeping four millions of men under pay to commit murder by wholesale, at the bidding of rulers who have no more authority from God to license this species of murder than they have duelling, idolatry or blasphemy?

FRIEND OF PEACE.

CLAIMS OF WARRIORS ON WOMAN.

"NONE but the brave deserve the fair," poets of every age have told us; and the autocrat of Russia is literally carrying the sentiment into execution upon his female subjects in Poland. It was some time ago reported, that he had ordered the seizure of 600 young Polish women to be given in marriage to his soldiers. This report was soon contradicted; but Paris correspondents have since confirmed its truth "on the highest authority." Most of the victims were young married women, who were torn from the embraces of their husbands, parents and children, to be dragged into a returnless exile, to gratify the brutal lusts of Russian soldiers.

Such is war, for which many a Christian mother is educating her own sons; and such is the *general* character of the men whom some women of intelligence, refinement and virtue are still thoughtless enough to admire and caress. When will Christian women learn their duty and their interest on this subject, and no longer lend their influence in a thousand ways for the support of this foul, accursed system?

RESULT OF WAR FOR LIBERTY.

POLAND boldly drew the sword in vindication of her rights, and our entire nation applauded the step as patriotic and wise; but mark the result in a much deeper degradation and misery than she would ever had reached in a course of quiet submission, or in the use of only moral means for her deliverance.

"A letter from Warsaw announces the arrival of a new ukase from St. Petersburg, by which all the ancient boundaries of Russian Poland are abolished, and the latter kingdom is finally incorporated with Russia. The inhabitants are to pass freely from one country to the other, without obtaining passports; the custom houses between Russia and Poland are done away; the children of Polish soldiers are to belong to the Russian government, to be placed in military schools, and governed by the same laws as those of Russia."